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TARPON ARE BITING.

Report of Last Week's Catches of Silver

THE HERALD had scarcely got circulated last week when Dr. Blount came up and reported that the tarpon at Boca Grande and Useppa had tak-eu a sudden notion to bite and that several fine ones had been landed. Amongst other notable catches, Mrs. Turner-Turner, a tourist from England stopping at Useppa Inn, had

An incident of the tarpon fishing was the cutting loose one night last week of all the boats of the colored tarpon guides on Useppa island. All except one, however, were recovered. It is supposed that the white guides from Punta Rassa cut the boats loose Since the above was in type, John Vanderlet, one of the colored guides at Useppa, has kindly furnished THE HERALD with the following report of tarpon caught last week:

Mr. J. W. Harrow, Greenville, Miss.; one tarpon, 65 pounds; guide, Wm. Washington.

Judge J. F. Dempsey, Ky; one fish, 5 pounds; guide, Jno. West, Fort Dr. J. A. Kelly, Geneva, Ohio; one

tarpon, 48 pounds; guide, Antonio Padillo. Mrs. J. Turner-Turner, England;

one, weight 165 pounds; guide, Jno. Bane, Punta Rassa. Mrs. J. Turner-Turner, jr.; one tarpon, weight 90 pounds; guide, Albert Miller, who was rewarded with a

purse of \$80.00 Mrs. A. P. Ward, England; one weight 106; guide, Berry Stanley. Capt E. M. Statler, Buffalo, N. Y.;

one, 68 pounds. The guide reported an unusual number of tarpon in the waters of Boca Grande and Captiva passes.

GOT THE INDIAN'S SHIRT. Billy Jumper's gorgeous shirt and Line are at Wilmington. N. C. walls of his museum in this city. It Coast Line.

is certainly a resplendent thing! That was recently, when General Seminole manufacture, amongst them two sofkee (hominy) spoons, a dancing warrior's beaded and tasseled belt, a bow and arrows and a big 12pound dancing rattle made of terrapin shells with shot inside and worn on each ankle by a Seminole woman when she is dancing.

The belts, though gaudy, are really pretty and show much taste and artistic skill in their design. The brave's belt cost \$6.00, the squaw's \$3.00. In fact, the general squandered a considerable sum in the improvement of his Punta Gorda museum.

Two prominent citizens gave each other a great fright one day last week. Judge True was passing Col. Stien's place, when the latter accosted him offensively. The judge whipped out a revolver and flourished it at the colonel, who jumped into his house and took refuge behind the door. The judge retired with celerity and, on being asked why he retreated, explained that he thought the colonel had gone behind the door to get his gun. "But you had a gun," was suggested. "Yes, but it wasn't loaded and wouldn't shoot if it was,' said the judge. And the colonel explained afterwards that he didn't go behind the door to get his gun for the simple reason that he had no gun. It was prudence that suggested the movement. The judge was summoned before the mayor and fined \$5.00 for carrying a pistol that would not shoot. In this first-class country, people are expected to carry reliable pompoms, especially in the game seasor. But this occurrence was out of the game season; therefore, we make game of it.

TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL. Prof. T. B. Hartig wishes THE HERALD to state that he has now at Brownville a teachers class preparing for the June examination, consisting of about fifteen young ladies and gentlemen. Nearly one-half of these are experienced teachers. This class will be continued until June 1st, and the opportunity is here offered to any teachers or other advanced students who wish to enter the school and make preparation for the teachers' examination. Tuition for the unexpired term will be charged for at the rate of \$2.00 per month, Board in good families will cost but \$2.00 per week. Applicants for teachers' certificates are cordially invited to attend th is school.

PLANT

SYSTEM **ABSORBED**

Atlantic Coast

eaught one tarpon that weighed 166 Southern Railway Cets Fee Simple Rights Into Jacksonville.

Line.

A New York special of April 3d to the Atlanta Constitution announces that the Atlantic Coast Line system of railways has absorbed the Plant system and that at an early date both systems will be consolidated under the name and charter of the Atlantic Coast Line system.

The general management of the Coast Line will operate the entire system, all the lines of both systems being merged into one great system of railroads, aggregating 3,000 miles funny shape is one which looks as if it in length.

While the Southern is not directly interested in the deal, it can be an. torn. nounced definitely that it has made a splendld stroke in securing a perpet ual contract obligation by which it will have fee simple rights into Jack. sonville from Savannah, connecting up connecting with its western lines-The Coast Line operates from Richmond, Va., to Charleston, S. C., with innumerable ramifications in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina.

Charleston, S. C., into Georgia and westward to Montgomery, Ala., and it covers the whole State of Fiorida with a network of lines. The headquarters of the Plant System are now General Gilchrist has captured at Savannah, while those of the Coast

proposes to wear it as soon as it is The Plant System is owned by the washed. He got it right off the In- Plant Investment Company, of which dian's back; found him sitting down Robert G. Erwin is president. Henry in the forest, and being impressed Walters is the "man behind the with the splendor of his costame, guns" of the Coast Line. He is recbantered Billy to buy his shirt. After ognized as one of the ablest railroad some parley, the Seminole chieftain men in America. He is very promiagreed to take \$3.00 for the variegated garment, which was forthwith paid him and he then and there pulled off system, Mr. W. G. Elliott being the the treasure and handed it to the president. Mr. Walters has, it is said. general, who now has it adorning the conducted the negotiations for the

The above report has been authoritatively confirmed by President R. Gliebrist went down to Jupiter and G. Erwin of the Plant System, and took an excursion on pony back out on July 1 the Plant System will cease into the Indian settlement. Besides to exist and the lines now composing

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

If you would have a noble son, be noble father .- "144 New Epigrams." Keep me from caring more for books than for folks, for art than for life,-

"The Ruling Passion." In some matrimonial waters are the kind of fish that swallow the balt, but leave the hook untouched .- "By Bread

Some people, like some shrubs, must be crushed in order to obtain the real value of their essence.—"By the High-

There are things which could never be imagined, but there is nothing which may not happen. - "China In Independence is not synonymous with liberty. They are often confound ed, but they are quite distinct .- "The

Martyrdom, the apotheosis of resignation, comes more naturally to wom en than to men, more hardly to men than to women.—"Count Hannibal." True self control is to be got in the midst of struggle. It is not mutilation in the midst of natural desires, but the subordination of each desire to the good of the whole man.—"Culture and Restraint."

The Poor Little Fellow. The street Arab lives by his wits, i he lives at all well. Two youngsters who peddle cough drops on Chestnut street have learned this thoroughly. One of these boys is much larger than the other, and a crowd was attracted to the corner of Ninth and Chestnu by pummeling the little boy. At the proper time the big one disappeared, leaving the little one surrounded by

sympathetic onlookers. Several per-sons, pitying the "poor little fellow," gave him nickels and pennies. The sequel showed that the "poor lit tie fellow" was in league with his supposed tormentor. No sooner had the crowd dispersed than the big boy came along for his divvy. The scene was repeated several times, always with the same result.—Philadelphia Times.

Obliterating Smallpox Pittings. Scientific treatment and much skill are required to remove smallpox pittings successfully. This treatment is given by a masseuse, but massage is not used, as it would never remove the pittings. The process requires a careful removing, little by little, of old cuticle. The new, which takes the place, is smoother than its predecessor and requires about ten days for treatment. Thus, after a couple or more treat-ments and in a comparatively short time, the deepest scars are replaced by a perfectly smooth skin.

He-When we get better acquainted I shall call you by your first name.

She—All right. And I hope our acquaintance will reach the point where my friends can call me by your last

CHINESE HATS.

Queer Head Coverings That Are Worn In the Celestial Empire. In China the retainers and guards wear special hats to indicate their office. The ensigns wear a wire structure resembling a sugar loaf and a rattrap. It is a foot high and of no earthly protection against sun or rain. The chair coolies use a hat something like their employers', but flatter, cheaper and without button or feather. The boatmen have a storm hat made of rattan and bamboo, which is never less

than a yard in diameter. A servant who is scribe and valet combined is marked by something that looks like a two storled or three storied cook's cap of four sides. The prevailing color of the structure is vermillon. A mourner wears a turban made by fastening a long gloth of grayish yellow hue around the head and allowing the ends to fall down behind to the small of the back. Another style covers the head, temple, ears and back of the neck and is a caricature upon the steel morions of the middle ages, descendant of those tall hats upon the heads of the captives that are drawn upon the papyri and tombs of the pharaohs. Still another were the remnant of a felt hat from which the brim had been irregularly

Douglas as a Printer. Stephen A. Douglas, although not recognized as such by the craft, was a with its eastern lines, and from Jes. gether on a printing proposition is still and ont in such close quarters that it is not often heard. Mr. Wentworth and yonder a pair for both feet. was printing The Democrat in Chicago in 1838 and struggling to remove an

are limited. Do you want ten or a hundred of these bills?"

The "Little Giant" said he believed 200 or perhaps more would be needed. "Very well," was the response. "You will have to turn printer yourself if you expect to get them today."

The bill was set up and placed on the hand press. Then Douglas was given special instructions how to handle the ink roller. A big apron was put on him, and he performed the menial work of roller boy, inking the types, while Mr. Wentworth worked the

Criticised the Wrong House.

"I've made bad breaks before, but I certainly eclipsed all previous efforts the purpose of controlling the outgo of ing to his new home. He slowed up a ing mansion in which several styles of emnly behind enjoying a footbath. He

put up that monstrosity?" "My host then took me to his club for

dinner. He said in explanation: "'We will dine here, because I have a headache, and the fresh paint odor of my new house might make it worse.' denly go mad and rush ahead. At any "The next day another friend showed me my first friend's new house. It was the monstrosity of the day before."-

New York Tribune DIAMOND BACK TERRAPIN.

Formerly Despised, They Are Now Haif a century or so ago diamond back terrapin were fed to slaves and hogs. Today they are the rarest dell-

cacy known to the epicurian world, says the Philadelphin North American. Then they sold for \$1 a barrel, and laborers, when hiring out, specified that they must not be compelled to eat terrapin more than twice a week. To-day a barrel is cheap at \$800, and millionaires travel hundreds of miles for a chance to feast on this most deli-

clous of all meats. Of course this means genuine diamond backs. There are many imita-

Every first class restaurant in the country features "terrapin a la Maryland" on its menu, but in not one case out of a hundred is the real terrapin served. The diner regales himself on what he believes to be Maryland's choicest dish. Instead he is merely eating fresh water turtles, "sliders" or

"North Carolina goldens."

The reason is simple. Restaurateurs don't serve real diamond backs because they can't get them. The world's total terrapin population does not ex-ceed 25,000 of legal size, and these are confined to the shores of the Chesapeake bay, the only place that produces

Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York enjoy a monopoly. These three cities get practically the entire output, but few ever find their way across the Blue Ridge. The epicure unfortunate enough to be born in Chicago or St. Louis must either come east or forego

the joys of terrapin. To select a real diamond back amateurs should be guided by these distinguishing and characteristic markings: It is of a greenish, dark olive color, sometimes running to spotted gray, yellow on the plate which surrounds the shell and has concentric dark stripes along the plate on both shells. The sides of the head are a dirty white, sprinkled with small black spots. The

bottom shell is of whitish yellow. The males are much larger than the females and have the concentric streaks much better defined. The female has the more delicate fiesh. The male can be distinguished by his too nails, which are much longer than those of the fe-

may be hardened with sealing wax. tograph. The camera obscura and The method is to have ready a large era lucida are also occasionally stick of sealing wax and then after beating the article to a cherry red thrust it into the wax for a minute, withdrawing it and sticking it in again, repeating the operation until the steel is cold and will not enter the wax.

A QUEER BUSINESS.

Making Up Beggars So That They

Will Excite Public Sympathy. "How beggars are made" might be made the subject of a singularly interesting article. And it would refer not to the unkind cuts of fortune, but to the appliances whereby a certain deft and none too scrupulous manufacturer equips men and women who, for purposes of their own, wish to be con ered lame, halt or blind. That it is easier to be crippled than to work is the maxim upon which this particular trade is established.

"I'm what is called a street 'sham fakir," said one of these dealers in disguises recently. "I fake up most of the sham disabled mill operatives, crippled sailors, etc., and charge 'em a small fee. If it's a woman with a tale that her husband beats her, I paint her a black eye and put her arm in a sling Bay it's a man on a 'blind' lay. Well, I paint some scars on his face to imitate the marks of a lead explosion and give him a green eye shade and a

"If a man's really maimed, it makes it easier. Suppose he's been run over and had his leg off. I paint a picture of a burning house and him jumping out of a top window with a child in his arms and a yarn under it, 'Kind friends, I lost my leg through rescuing my employer's child.' That's a sure take of a 'fiver' a day.

"I make all these rigs myself," he said, "and hire 'em out. It pays, but I one time printer. The story of how he have to keep dark, for the police are and "Long John" Wentworth came to- very down on my sort. This hollow wooden cap with an iron book fits over

"A queer business? You'd say so if you knew the jobs I'm asked to do indebtedness of about \$3,000. Douglas sometimes. Only yesterday a woman called on him one day and said that he wanted vitriol scars made on her face had some handbills that must be print. and actually wanted me to use real vit-The Plant System operates from ed at once.

"All right," answered Mr. West. ing? Oh, yes! Why, bless you, some beggars'll maul themselves horribly to excite sympathy. In fact, they'd do anything rather than work." - New

SPRINKLING SINGAPORE.

The Solemn Procession That Accom-

Poultney Bigelow in his description of the marvelous progress made by the city of Singapore under English rule gave a quaint picture of the manner in which the streets are watered: The watering cart was drawn by lit tle white bullocks and driven by

out in Cleveland the other day," said a water. He seemed very proud of his well known business man. "A business friend met me at the station and said we would drive around a bit before go trolled the little cattle. Then there was a man in thin brown bit as we drove around a curious look- legs and much turban who walked s

the shirt, the general bought at high that system after that date be known rible results. I was forced to exclaim:

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The shirt, the general other curiosities of as a part of the Atlantic Coast Line. architecture had been mixed with ter was obviously a government functionpeared to be something in the nature of a rear guard. Then there was a "foreloper," or advance guard, for the purpose of clear-ing the way. There appeared to be an idea that the little bullocks might sud-

> rate, it gave congenial employment to one more pative, and that was something. There was yet another, who bent

> down now and then to pick up a piece of stone or brush away some irregularity unseen by ordinary eyes. This outfit was a treat to me. It was

> solemn; it was full of self conscious-ness; it was magnificently oriental. I have seen men in sublime moments; I have seen the red capped station master of Germany strut up and down his platform when an imperial train was ed me less than the watering cart of about to arrive, but even that im Singapore, with its municipal hierarchy of Malay ministers, each earning per-

haps 2 cents a day.

Doves and Coronations. At the ancient ceremonies of corons tion of the French kings, after the anointing had been performed, some white doves were let loose in the church. This was supposed to symbolize the power of the Holy Chost in directing the king's actions. A similar idea seems to have inspired all early kings, for among the English regalis is the rod of equity or the scepter w the dove. This is simply a golden rod with a mound at the top, which supports a cross. On this cross is a dove. fashioned of white enamel, with expanded wings. Some fine diamon ornament the rod in various places.

"It was a new gun, your honor," "and I did not tested the prisoner, know it was loaded." "But," argued the judge, "the dealer has just told us that you did not pay

for the weapon." "What has that to do with it?" "Well, if you didn't pay for it the dealer must have charged it for you."

And the judge tried to look as muclike the pictures of Solomon as b

could.-Baltimore American. The Original Silhouette The name silhouette was de from Etienne de Silhouette, a F minister of finance in 1759, who intro duced several parsimonious fur during his administration called

be applied to the black profile p Silhouettes were executed in Small steel articles that are too soft ther by the eye or by means of a par

> for the purpose. "wait just a second," he can form some idea of what eternity is like.—